

REMARKS

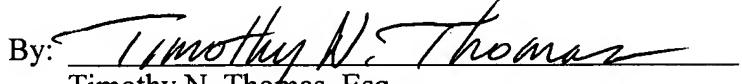
Claims 43-47 are pending in the application after entry of the present amendment.

The claimed compositions are neither taught nor suggested by the cited prior art, as evidenced by the two Office Actions that have been entered in this case. In particular, the compositions of claims 43 and 45-47 include all the limitations of original claim 17, which was indicated to be patentable over the cited prior art in the Office Action dated February 1, 2005. The compositions of claim 44 provide a high mechanical quality factor (Qm), which are neither taught nor suggested by the cited prior art.

The claimed compositions also avoid the §112 concerns stated in the Office Action dated July 12, 2005. In particular, the claims have been amended to include only certain compositions that have been shown to exhibit a piezoelectric strain constant (d_{33}) of at least 300 PC/N, as evidenced by Table 1 of the application as filed.

For the reasons set forth above, favorable reconsideration of the amended application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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